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TO: DDS Qualified Providers

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RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate Compliance

Dear Providers:

Thank you for your continued efforts to ensure that Executive Order No. 14A issued by Governor Lamont which mandated all “contract workers” and “state employees” to receive vaccinations against COVID-19 by September 27, 2021 was implemented and that systems were established to ensure compliance.

DDS employees, including those working in quality/licensing, case management and contract monitoring fall under the same requirements set forth in that Executive Order (EO). DDS is the responsible entity to ensure its employees are complying and adheres to the requirements set forth in that EO. Therefore, DDS staff that come onsite to complete quality reviews, contract monitoring, IP planning meetings, etc. are either vaccinated or testing weekly.

We understand that this is a matter of concern to providers seeking to promote health and safety and wanted to share this information to reassure you that DDS staff fall under the same requirements as your own staff. DDS staff may not be asked to show proof of vaccination by a provider agency in order to visit sites to perform state oversight functions. DDS staff will continue to follow all state and local ordinances in regard to face masks when onsite at residential and day settings and will follow all visitation protocols including screenings set forth by the department and the agency.